

ROCKVILLE

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Manna employees and volunteers are an integral part of the Rockville Holiday Drive.

Holiday Drive Seeks Donations, Volunteers

The 2002 Rockville Holiday Drive is on its way and this year, more than ever, donations are being sought to assist Rockville residents in need during the November and December holiday seasons.

“Due to the economic climate, we’re expecting that more families will need assistance this year,” said Mary Lou Jacobs, Program Manager for Rockville’s Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. “We’re so grateful for the significant contributions from Mount Calvary Baptist Church, IBM, Manna Food Center and other organizations that we partner with to make the drive a success. And we look forward to another strong holiday drive this year.”

Last year, the City distributed 1,244 holiday baskets in November and December. This year, the goal is 1,300, as a result of growing needs of Rockville residents.

Nonperishable food donations are being accepted at the Manna Food Center, 614 Lofstrand Lane (off Southlawn Lane) Monday-Friday, 8:30-11 a.m. (designate that the food is for the “Rockville Holiday Drive”). Additionally, during regular business hours, donations may be left at the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, 32 Courthouse Sq.; the back porch of Glenview Mansion (Baltimore Road and Edmonston Drive); or the Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Dr.). On weekends or after 5 p.m., donations can be left at the Rockville Police Station at the rear of City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.).

Monetary donations are welcome. Checks should be made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to: Department of Neighborhood & Community Services, Attn: Rockville Holiday Drive, 32 Courthouse Sq., Rockville, Md., 20850.

Another way residents can make the 2002 Rockville Holiday Drive a success is to volunteer their time.

Call 240-314-8307 for more information. ❖

City Passes Six-Month Building Moratorium

Measure Will Not Affect Development of Town Center

The Mayor and Council on Sept. 23 unanimously approved a six-month moratorium on issuing building permits for development in nonresidential zones adjacent to residential zones that contain single-family detached homes, attached homes and multi-family dwellings.

The moratorium, which will have no effect on the City’s intent to develop a vibrant Town Center, will remain in effect through March 23, 2003. During the moratorium period, Rockville City staff will evaluate standards affecting development of nonresidential properties that immediately adjoin residential properties.

There are approximately 70 nonresidential properties that share a property line with residential areas with the potential to be developed under current zoning. Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Bob Dorsey, John Hall Jr., Susan Hoffmann and Anne Robbins voted 5-0 to put the moratorium in place.

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Eight nonresidential properties were presented to the Mayor and Council as being under various stages of the permit application process. The parameters set by the moratorium exempted from the moratorium six of those properties. The two properties with pending applications that will be covered by the six-month moratorium are Sonic Automotive at the southwest corner of Rockville Pike and Talbott Street (Rockville Porsche Audi dealership) and 22 West Jefferson St.

During the moratorium period, City staff will review elements of the zoning ordinance including setbacks, height limits, floor area ratios, minimum/maximum lot sizes, permitted land uses and landscaping/screening. ❖

Fire Sprinklers Required For All New Single-Family Homes

All new single-family homes in Rockville must be built with fire sprinklers, making the City one of 46 jurisdictions nationally to unconditionally require the safety measure in single-family homes, the Mayor and Council unanimously decided on Sept. 23.

Prince George’s County, which has had a similar ordinance since 1988, is the only other Washington metropolitan area jurisdiction to require sprinklers in all new homes.

The measure will only apply to new construction and will not be retroactive to existing single-family housing. It will not apply to additions to existing homes. However, if a home is substantially demolished and rebuilt, the rebuilt structure would be required to have sprinklers. Rockville already requires sprinkler systems for multi-family dwellings and townhouses.

City Councilmember John Hall Jr., a volunteer firefighter and paramedic who has been active in Montgomery County Fire and Rescue for 13 years, proposed the measure this past summer.

“This Mayor and Council is concerned about public safety, and this is a smart, efficient and effective measure that proves that,” said Councilmember Hall. “The numbers do not lie and the evidence is overwhelming: fire sprinklers save lives. We, as a Mayor and Council, are willing to step forward and invest in the future and safety of Rockville residents. We are taking a bold step—and we hope other jurisdictions will follow.”



Rockville is one of 46 jurisdictions nationwide to require fire sprinklers in all newly constructed, single-family homes.

It is estimated that sprinkler systems will add about \$1.20 per square foot in new residential homes. That would add approximately \$3,500-4,000 to the cost of a new 3,000 square-foot home.

Since the measure will require homes that are destroyed or demolished to be rebuilt with sprinklers, residents are urged to contact their insurance providers to be sure that their coverage will include installation of sprinklers in a rebuilt home.

Also passed on Sept. 23, was a measure that requires new homes in Rockville to post address numerals that are at least 5 inches high (the current standard is 4 inches), on a contrasting background, which are clearly visible from the street. The order is not retroactive. ❖

Calendar of Events

City Events

For more information on many of these events, please refer to the Fall Recreation Guide or log onto www.ci.rockville.md.us.

1,2,8,9,10,15,16,22,23

Rockville Musical Theatre, “Will Rogers Follies.” F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. 8 p.m., all dates except Nov. 10, which is 2 p.m. \$14 general/\$6 students. Call 240-314-8690.

3-25 Helen Corning, “**Haiku Paintings**” acrylic on canvas; Anne Fournier-Anderson, “**Fired Form**” pit fired clay; Kathryn Henneberry, “**Recent Paintings**” acrylic on canvas and paper; Pat Segnan, “**Marks and Remarks**” acrylic paintings. Reception 1-4 p.m., Nov. 3; Artist Talk 7:30 p.m., Nov. 14; Guided Gallery Tour 10 a.m., Nov. 15. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery.

3 **Sunday Afternoon Concert Series,** U.S. Navy Band Chamber Ensemble. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. Free.

19 **Town Center Action Team Meeting.** 7 p.m. Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105.

23 **Off-Leash Dog Testing.** Middle Lane parking lot. 10 a.m. Tests if dogs can be walked without a leash. Call 240-314-8930 to register in advance.

24 **Rockville Concert Band.** 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free.

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Nature Center

All events take place at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, located in Rockville Civic Center Park. Reservations are required. See the City's Web site or the Fall Recreation Guide for details. For more information, call 240-314-8770.

6 **Chipmunk Tales.** 10 a.m. Ages 3-5. \$3 residents/\$4 nonresidents.

8 **Nature's Harvest Crafts.** 4 p.m. Ages 5-13. \$5 residents/\$6 nonresidents.

14 **Talkin' Turkey.** 3 p.m. Ages 5-10. \$3 residents/\$4 nonresidents.

20 **Full Moon Stroll.** 7:30 p.m. All ages. \$2 residents/\$3 nonresidents.

21 **Turkey Wreath.** 4 p.m. Ages 4-12. \$7 residents/\$8 nonresidents.

23 **Woodpecker Wellington.** 10:30 a.m. Ages 4-10. \$4 residents/\$5 nonresidents.

NOTE: Do your Holiday Shopping at **Nature Notions.** Field guides, bookmarks, journals, t-shirts, denim pencils, stationery, bird calls, tornado in a jar and growing creatures are made from recycled materials, available at the Croyden Creek Nature Center.

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. For further information, call 240-314-8800.

6 **November Birthday Party.** 1:30-3 p.m. Free. Registration required.

6 **Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m. Free.

6 **Do You Need a Pneumonia Shot?** 1 p.m.

7 **Veterans Club - Trip to the Navy Yard.** 9 a.m. \$12 members/\$15 nonmembers.

7 **Welcome Old Turkey.** 1 p.m. \$15 members/\$19 nonmembers.

8 **Flu Shots.** 9 a.m. \$15 without Medicare Part B.

12 **Burma and Angkor Wat, Cambodia.** 10:30 a.m. Free.

12 **Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m. Free.

12 **"Armchair Tour of Rockville,"** with Eileen McGuckian. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Registration required.

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Students at College Gardens Elementary School practice bicycle safety concepts presented during the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education program, which is expected to reach schools throughout Maryland. Corp. Christopher Louis (above) helped children throughout the morning at College Gardens.

Traveling Safety in City Schools

Learning to look left-right-left has never been so fun.

With several shiny bikes, protective helmets, hand-painted stop signs, a working traffic signal and human-powered vehicle signs, the students at College Gardens Elementary School on Sept. 25 were the first to receive formal Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education, developed by the City of Rockville and others.

Mayor Larry Giammo delivered opening remarks at the launch of the first program of its kind to be presented in Maryland schools. The interactive bicycle segment included teaching the importance of wearing a helmet, understanding the rules of the road, stopping properly, turning and signaling. The pedestrian concepts included looking left-right-left before crossing streets and crossing at appropriate locations.

In its first day, the program reached almost 100 students at College Gardens Elementary during their regularly scheduled physical education classes. Rockville's Bikeway Implementation Specialist Debbie Mayer and College Gardens Physical Education Teacher Diane Zabetakis delivered the instruction with the help of the Rockville Police Department (Corporal Christopher Louis and Sergeant Jim Walsh), the Montgomery County Police Department (Officer E.O. Jacob) and volunteers Alan Maurer and Barry Kline.

"As more pedestrians and cyclists use the roadways and bicycle paths, it is more important than ever for walkers and bicyclists—and motorists—to understand the unique safety demands of those modes of transportation," said Mayer. "It is essential that we teach safety to the most vulnerable users of alternative transportation—our children. We must teach them how to safely use the paths we provide so they build a lifelong knowledge and confidence."

The education program is funded through a \$123,000 federal 402 Grant awarded through Maryland's Highway Safety Office. The goal is to have this pilot program expanded for use around the state. Rockville was awarded the funding as it seeks to become a model program for promoting bicycles as an alternative means of transportation.

All Rockville elementary schools have expressed an interest in the educational program. Throughout the fall and next spring, Mayer will work with as many elementary schools as possible to deliver the bicycle and pedestrian curriculum. ❖



The Wicked Witch (otherwise known as kindly Mary Lou Jacobs of Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services) helps a young "professional wrestler" with his costume.

A Real Treat

Several hundred Rockville children who might not otherwise be haunting City and County neighborhoods on Halloween will be in full costume and ready to take in all offered treats on Oct. 31 thanks to the first costume giveaway organized by Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the Rockville Jaycees and Bethesda Cares.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, referred children were invited to Rockville City Hall to select among 500 costumes that were donated by The Bethesda Paper Store. Children also were provided with safety tip Trick-or-Treat bags and had the added surprise of being able to tour "haunted rooms" set up on the lower atrium of City Hall by the Jaycees.

City staff and other volunteers dressed in costumes of their own to help children select their scary attire.

"Rockville's Holiday Season"



The holiday season is fast approaching, and the City has plenty to help the celebration:

- **Rockville Seniors Inc. Holiday Bazaar,** Senior Center, Dec. 7
- **Glenview Mansion Holiday Open House,** Sundays in December
- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery,** Rockville Art League, Dec. 1-31
- **Rockville Civic Ballet: "The Nutcracker,"** Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
- **National Chamber Orchestra: "Handel's Messiah,"** Dec. 20-21, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre,
- **Rockville Concert Band Holiday Concert,** Dec. 22, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre
- **Rockville Community Chorus Holiday Concert,** Dec. 22, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre

Rockville's History in the Making

Rockville's Mayor and Council have established a program to encourage owners of historic homes to pursue historic designations for their properties. An historic designation carries tax incentives, often leads to increased property values and ensures preservation of neighborhoods.

The property at 305 Lincoln Ave. is under consideration for historic designation by Rockville's Mayor and Council. It was nominated by the present owner, Norma Hill Duffin.

The former home of Reuben Hill and Carlisle Blair Hill has been occupied by four generations of the Hill family, one of the pioneer families in the black community of Lincoln Park. Reuben Hill (former slave of the Stonestreet family before emancipation) and his wife, Rachel Martin (a free mulatto woman) purchased land on

"Burgundy," east of Horner's Lane, and are one of the five African-American families shown on the 1879 Hopkins Atlas Map.

One of the oldest surviving and intact structures in Lincoln Park, the original three to four room vernacular dwelling house was constructed in 1880 by a white former Confederate soldier who willed it to Reuben Hill Sr. Reuben Thomas Hill expanded the house to its present configuration after his father's death in 1917.

There are several mysteries associated with the Reuben Hill house, such as why this area attracted enough African-American families to form a small community that fostered development of Lincoln Park and what was the relationship or bond between the white Confederate soldier and the Hill family?

Upon the death of Carlisle Blair Hill in 1986, the house was left to the current



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owner, Ms. Duffin, who nominated it for historic designation. The Historic District Commission reviewed the history. A staff analysis of the property history and testimony found that it is eligible for designation. ❖



Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

The City of Rockville’s leaf collection program is here again and will run through Dec. 27. Crews will service each area for five consecutive days. After all areas have been serviced, the process will start over, and each area will be served for an additional five days. Use the map and schedule to determine the dates for your area. **DO:** Rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 7 a.m. on Friday of your collection week. Remove limbs, rocks and other heavy objects.

DO NOT: Use any plastic bags. The City’s recycling program will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers. For collection dates in your area, log on to www.ci.rockville.md.us/dept/leaf.htm, or call 240-314-8570.

- Area 1: Nov. 25 to Nov. 29
- Area 2: Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 Dec. 2 to Dec. 6
- Area 3: Nov. 4 to Nov. 8 Dec. 9 to Dec.13
- Area 4: Nov. 12 to Nov. 15 Dec.16 to Dec. 20
- Area 5: Nov. 18 to Nov. 22 Dec. 23 to Dec. 27

In Brief

Home Improvement Grants

Low- and moderate-income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville’s Home Improvement Program. This includes upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems. Funds for the program are provided by Housing and Urban Development through the U.S. Community Development Block Grant Program and are administered by the City’s Community Planning and Development Services. Call to inquire about eligibility requirements and loan limits.

CALL **240-314-8208** FOR MORE INFO

Art Show and Sale at RAP

Ten prominent local artists will hold a two-day show and sale of their work on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rockville Arts Place (100 E. Middle Lane). Art will include pottery, paintings, glass, jewelry, tiles, hand-pulled prints, floor cloths, painted furniture and kinetic sculpture. More information is on www.rockvilleartsplace.org.

CALL **301-309-6900** FOR MORE INFO

Two Holiday-Themed Trips

The Department of Recreation and Parks is sponsoring two holiday-themed trips in December.

A luxury motorcoach will transport interested participants to New York City to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, starring the world-famous Rockettes, on Saturday, Dec. 7. The tour leaves City Hall at 6:30 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m., giving participants enough time to enjoy some of Manhattan. The cost is \$140 for residents and \$160 for nonresidents. Children over 8 years old are invited.

On Saturday, Dec. 14, the City is sponsoring a candlelight Christmas tour of the 19th-century Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, Va. Transportation will leave City Hall at 3 p.m. Following the tour, participants can enjoy dinner in the historic downtown. Return time will be 9 p.m. The fee is \$27 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents. Children 10 years and older are invited.

CALL **240-314-8614** FOR MORE INFO

History on the Rails

The Trolley Era in Rockville is the subject of a Sunday, Nov. 17, program at the National Capital Trolley Museum (1313 Bonifant Road, Colesville) from 2-4:30 p.m., sponsored by

Peerless Rockville, the City’s historic preservation group.

The event is free and includes a panel discussion, exhibits and vehicle displays. Trolley rides are available for a fee, except for those who bring trolley memorabilia.

CALL **301-762-0096** FOR MORE INFO

Trains, Trains and Trains

The 11th annual Rockville Lions Club Train Show is Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 10, from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

The event takes place at the Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Dr.) and will feature model trains of all shapes and sizes. Train enthusiasts — children and adults alike — will be amazed by the intricate displays that will occupy every available room in the Senior Center.

There is no formal admission for the event; however, donations are welcome at the door.

CALL **240-314-8800** FOR MORE INFO

Rockville Chamber Names McGuckian Top Citizen

Eileen McGuckian, author of “Rockville: Portrait of a City,” will be honored as the Rockville Chamber of Commerce “Citizen of the Year” on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Each year the Rockville Chamber of Commerce chooses a “Citizen of the Year” who is an “individual or entity whose involvement in the Rockville Community has helped improve the quality of life within the city and for all its shareholders. Particular emphasis is placed on the past year; however, long-term contribution is given significant consideration.

CALL **301-424-9300** FOR MORE INFO

24-Hour Utilities Hotline: 240-314-8567

If there is a problem with your water or sewage, your first call should always be to the City of Rockville. The City, which has a 24-hour emergency number, will advise whether it is a City issue or if you should contact a plumber.

“The last thing we want is for our residents to incur unnecessary plumbing expenses,” said James Green, Utilities Maintenance Supervisor for Rockville. The 24-hour hotline is 240-314-8567.

Also, Rockville residents are urged to review their homeowners’ insurance policy to ensure that they are covered for sewer back-ups. The small extra fee is well worth the peace of mind.

CALL **240-314-8567** FOR MORE INFO


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Paseos Tematicos de Vacaciones

En el mes de diciembre, el Departamento de Recreación y Parques patrocina dos paseos temáticos de vacaciones.

- El 7 de diciembre los interesados viajarán a Nueva York en un autobús de lujo para ver el Espectáculo de Navidad de Radio City, con las mundialmente famosas *Rockettes*. Como los viajeros saldrán de City Hall a las 6:30 a.m. y retornarán a las 10 p.m., tendrán tiempo suficiente para gozar un poco de Manhattan. El costo del paseo es de \$140 para los residentes y \$160 para los no residentes. Pueden participar los niños mayores de 8 años. Para más información, se ruega llamar al 240-314-8641.
- El 14 de diciembre se realizará un paseo para observar el encendido de las velas de Navidad en la Plantación Oatlands, establecida en el siglo XIX en Leesburg, Virginia. Los participantes saldrán de City Hall a las 3 p.m. y, después de la visita, podrán gozar de la cena en el centro histórico de la ciudad. El regreso está programado para las 9 p.m. El costo del paseo es de \$27 para los residentes y \$30 para los no residentes. Pueden inscribirse los niños mayores de 10 años. Para más información, se ruega llamar al 240-314-8641.

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13 **Hearing Aid Dilemma.** 10:15 a.m. Free.

14 **Family Tree Making,** with Sima Osdoby, a genealogical researcher. 7-9 p.m. \$25 residents/\$29 nonresidents. (Also on Dec. 5)

14 **Vision and Glaucoma Screening.** 10 a.m. Free.

16 **Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m. Free.

18 **Young In Heart and Triple F Thanksgiving Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. Willow Tree Inn in Montgomery Village, for those with confirmed reservations.

19 **A History Lesson: Lewis and Clark.** 7 p.m. Free.

19 **Flu Shots.** 9 a.m. \$15 without Medicare Part B.

20 **Blood Pressure Screening.** 10 a.m. Free.

20 **Classical Music: The 100th Class or Let’s Party.** 1 p.m. Free.

21 **Angel on My Shoulder.** 10:30 a.m. \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers.

21 **Lower Back Pain.** 1 p.m. Free.

22 **Cholesterol Screening.** 10 a.m. Free.

For Teens

Now accepting enrollment for the Civiteens Program. It is open to ages 15-23 with learning disabilities. Trips held on weekends. Membership cost is \$45 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents. Additional fees required based on trips. Call 240-314-8634 for details. See Fall Recreation Guide for trip information.

5,12,18,26 **Teen Lounge.** Lincoln Park Comm. Center for teens grades 6-12 from 6:30-9 p.m. Drop-in. Movies, billiards, ping-pong, PlayStation, refreshments and more. Free.

6,13,20,27 **Montrose Teen Activity Center.** Open for grades 6-12 from 6-9 p.m. Billiards, ping pong, Nintendo, foosball, snack bar and more. Free.

7,14,21 **Teen Lounge.** Elwood Smith Comm. Center. Students in grades 6-12; 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free.

An Air of Distinction for Rockville Television

The City of Rockville's municipal television station, The Rockville Channel (cable channel 11), garnered five national awards for programming excellence at the recent annual conference of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors in Chicago.



Doug Breisch (left) and Jane Rogers of TRC accept NATOA awards.

TRC won the second place award in the Documentary Category for the program "Exploring Rockville's Past," a creative and in-depth look at the sites on the City's historical walking tour. TRC also won second place in the Public Health category for the program "Air Quality Codes," and the station won another second place award in the Municipal Channel Promotional Spots category.

TRC won third place in the Public and Community Meeting category for its coverage of Mayor and Council meetings, placing behind two much larger municipalities with significantly larger budgets: Los Angeles and Denver.

In the Election Coverage category, TRC again was a finalist along with much larger jurisdictions, finishing in a tie for third, with King County, Wash.

TRC also received honorable mention awards for "Overall Excellence in Government Programming" and for a program about the City's tree protection and enhancement efforts.

All of the finalist programs, and virtually all of the programs on TRC, are produced by in-house television professionals, including Jane Rogers, writer/producer; Hagop Balekjian director/production specialist; Chris Abolt, editor/production specialist; Erica Singleton, video technician; and Doug Breisch, Rockville's Television and Telecommunications Manager.

Inside City Hall Meetings, Commissions, Highlights, etc.

Note: Please view www.ci.rockville.md.us for Mayor and Council meeting minutes and agendas

Mayor and Council Meetings

All General and Work Sessions, and Public Hearings, are televised live on The Rockville Channel.

- Nov. 4 (Monday) Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12 (Tuesday) General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18 (Mon.) Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
- Nov. 25 (Monday) General Session, 7:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. Please call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for Drop-In are:

- Nov. 12 (Tuesday) Anne Robbins
- Nov. 18 (Monday) Bob Dorsey
- Nov. 25 (Monday) John Hall, Jr.



Councilmember Anne Robbins

Boards and Commissions Meeting Schedule

All meetings at City Hall unless noted. All Planning Commission meetings are televised live on The Rockville Channel.

- Nov. 2 (Saturday) Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 4 (Monday) Sign Review Board, 4 p.m.
- Nov. 6 (Wed.) Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 12 (Tuesday) Human Services Advisory Commission, Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq., 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13 (Wednesday) Cultural Arts Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 19 (Tuesday) Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center Board Room, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 20 (Wed.) Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 21 (Thursday) Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.



Basketball players from Pinneberg, Germany, join players from Rockville area schools along with Mayor Larry Giammo in the Sister City exchange at City Hall.

Rockville Up Close: Sister City Corp.

Residents help shape Rockville through involvement with neighborhood and civic associations and participation on Mayor and Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. On a regular basis, Rockville Up Close will take an in-depth look at these organizations and their important roles.

The City of Rockville's Sister City Corporation recently hosted members of a girls' basketball team and a delegation of visitors from Pinneberg, Germany, to enhance the already strong, 45-year relationship between the two cities.

The Sister City Corporation was created in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower to involve people and organized groups in citizen diplomacy.

In 1957, Rockville was paired with Pinneberg, which has many of the same characteristics, needs and concerns.

- Nov. 21 (Thursday) Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.

Boards and Commissions Vacancies

The City is calling for volunteers to serve on the following commissions:

- Cultural Arts Commission: four vacancies

- Human Services Advisory Commission: three at-large vacancies
 - Retirement Board: one vacancy
- The commissions provide the Mayor and Council with informed public opinions, thoughts and ideas that shape the City.
- If you are interested, contact the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or check www.ci.rockville.md.us.

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL NOVEMBER PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
6 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 am	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 am	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)
7:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 am	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 am	Mayor & Council	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council
9 am	▼	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report	▼
9:30 am	▼	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government	Caregivers (Seniors)	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government	Caregivers (Seniors)	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government	▼
10 am	▼	Economic Development	Annual Report	Economic Development	Annual Report	Economic Development	▼
10:30 am	▼	Community Mediation	Trees in Rockville	Community Mediation	Trees in Rockville	Community Mediation	▼
11 am	Cityline	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Preserving the Past	Cityline
11:30 am	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 pm	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 pm until meeting ends	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼	Mayor & Council ▼	Planning Commission ▼
4 pm	Preserving the Past	▼	Annual Report	Annual Report	▼	Annual Report	▼
4:30 pm	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Annual Report
5 pm	Caregivers (Seniors)	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government	Caregivers (Seniors)	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government	Caregivers (Seniors)	Caregivers (Seniors)
5:30 pm	Annual Report	Exploring Rockville's Past	Exploring Rockville's Past	Annual Report	Exploring Rockville's Past	Annual Report	Annual Report
6 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
7 pm	Planning Commission	Annual Report	Exploring Rockville's Past	Planning Commission	Trees in Rockville	Annual Report	Trees in Rockville
7:30 pm	▼	Mayor & Council	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government	▼	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Gov't	Mayor & Council	Responsible & Responsive: Rockville City Government
8 pm	▼	▼	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	▼	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	▼	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)
8:30 pm	▼	▼	Preserving the Past	▼	Preserving the Past	▼	Preserving the Past
9 pm	▼	▼	Annual Report	▼	Annual Report	▼	Annual Report
9:30 pm	▼	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline	▼	Cityline
10 pm	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 pm	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
11 pm	Annual Report	Annual Report	Economic Development	Annual Report	Economic Development	Annual Report	Caregivers (Seniors)
11:30 pm	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Community Mediation	Preserving the Past	Community Mediation	Caregivers (Adult Homeless)	Preserving the Past